

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Support for ">16000" is found in Table 9, page 59 of the specification. As noted in Table 9, P171H/W548L/S627I mutant ALS protein has a RS ratio of >16000. Thus, the recitation of ">15000" on page 62 is in error. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present application. No new claims have been added or deleted by this amendment.

Drawings

No changes have been made to the drawings by this amendment.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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